

Appl. No. 09,682,852
Amdt. Dated 16 July 2004
Reply to Office action of May 25 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed in light of Office Action dated May 25, 2004. Claims 1-3, 14-19, 21-26, 29-37, 39, 41, 42, 45-47, 50-56 and 61 were rejected. Claims 20, 27, 28, 38, 40, 44, 49, 57 and 60 were objected to as being based upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims.

Claims 1-19, 21-26, 27-39, 41-43, 45-48, 50-56, 58-59, and 21-62 have been canceled.

Claims 20, 27, 38, 40, 44, 49, 57, and 60 were rewritten in independent form. Claim 28 depends from amended claim 27.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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